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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated 19 December 2005, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply is timely since 19th landed on Sunday. No fee is due. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any unaccounted fee(s), such as for extension of time, excess claim fees, etc., required to maintain pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.